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STRIKES CLOSE METAL PLANTS

Three metal working plants in Minneapolis were closed down Thursday, as result of a strike Wednesday, and a fourth was being operated by a skeleton crew, with a crowd of pickets outside. The strike was called to enforce a demand for pay increases of 15 cents an hour and for union recognition by local No. 1313 of the Ornamental Metal Workers union, an affiliate of the International Association of Machinists.

The plant in operation was that of the Flour City Ornamental Iron Co., 2637 Twenty-seventh avenue south. Walter Tetzlaff, vice president, said none of its employes belong to the union and that no demand for pay raises or union recognition had been made on the management. The company Wednesday was employing about 100 men. Pickets appeared at the plant Thursday morning and induced most of the men to stay outside, although a number entered and went to work. A crowd of pickets, union sympathizers and onlookers spent the morning in front of the plant, with a few policemen also on hand.

The plants that were closed Thursday were those of the Crown Iron Works Co., 1229 Taylor street northeast, C. W. Olsen Manufacturing Co., 1300 Quincy street northeast, and Stanley Iron Works, 3717 Minnehaha avenue. Those employed about 125 men in all and had been operating at low capacity and their managements decided to suspend, rather than attempt to operate with short crews, at the risk of possible trouble. The owner of one of them said Thursday he will close permanently unless the strike ends soon.

About 50 workers of the Wear-Well Garment Co., 400 First avenue north, were on strike Thursday. They claimed wages had been cut 25 to 35 per cent below the former code level. This was denied by John Stewart, vice president of the company. He also said that Wear-Well is not operating its plant and probably will not attempt to do so, since it has moved its manufacturing to another city and is only maintaining offices in Minneapolis.

SHRINKS 10 INCHES IN 5 YEARS

Before he began shrinking, Hans Nelson was just as tall as Theodore Wickman, right, medical student at the University of Minnesota, who is 5 feet 10½ inches in height. But in five years, Nelson has shrunk 10½ inches. He hopes University hospital surgeons will be able to "grow back" some of the lost height.

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Surgeons Seek to Restore Lost Height for Patient

Medical science will attempt another of its modern miracles at University hospital Monday, when white-robed surgeons seek to "grow" Hans Nelson, who has shrunk 10½ inches during the past five years.

Mr Nelson is optimistic over the outcome of the operation. University hospital physicians and surgeons frankly admit they do not know, except that it is possible that some of the lost height may be restored by the operation.

Before he began shrinking, Mr. Nelson was nearly 6 feet tall, and back in Norway came from a "family of giants." Now at the age of 52, he is 5 feet tall. His first indication that his height was diminishing came approximately 15 years ago when an insurance policy listed his height at 5 feet 9½ inches, a loss of more than an inch.

Gets Shorter and Shorter.

Doctors found his malady baffled them. He went through the Mayo clinic at Rochester several times. He was given treatments for rheumatism. But he continued to shrink and lose strength.

"I kept getting shorter and shorter, and weaker and weaker," Nelson said. "For 15 years I wasn't able to go up or down stairs. When I'd go for a walk, I'd have to rest after walking a half block."

First encouragement came when he was placed under observation at University hospital May 14. His malady interested scientists as well as physicians at the recent state medical convention and the national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Doctors diagnosed his condition as being a shortage of calcium in the bones. There were symptoms of overactivity of the parathyroid glands, they said. It was believed there might be a tumor on one of these glands, which grow in the neck beside the thyroid gland. The function of the parathyroids, the doctors said, is to secrete a substance which in normal amounts maintains the proper level of calcium in the blood.

Calcium Taken From Bones.

When one of these glands becomes overactive, it was explained, more calcium is put into the blood stream, and in the process, calcium needed to keep the bones hard is withdrawn from them.

"It seems just as though my backbone folded up on me, and my ribs kept settling down until they rested on my hips," Mr. Nelson said. "All the height I've lost has been through the waist, the space between my hips and ribs."

Placed on a special diet, given calcium injections, Mr. Nelson has gained strength, is able to walk up and down stairs. The calcium deficiency has been minimized.

As a sort of a preliminary celebration to his operation to "grow up again," Mr. Nelson had a family reunion Thursday at his home, 3214 Forty-second avenue south. Although Burford, the older son, was not present, there were Irene, his daughter, and Norman, his younger son, as well as friends and neighbors. Mr. Nelson will remain at home over the week-end.

STATE BEGINS FORGERY AUDIT

A special audit of 125,000 cancelled pay roll checks was begun by state emergency relief administration headquarters in St. Paul Thursday to determine if any other forged checks had been passed, in addition to the 45 forgeries for $1,500 which came to the Minneapolis SERA finance division Wednesday.

In addition to the SERA forgeries, $2,500 in CCC pay roll forgeries also had been discovered by state and federal investigators Thursday. United States secret service agents are seeking a former disbursing agent while state crime bureau men are hunting a band passing SERA checks.

Business Firms Warned.

Ten persons are working on the special SERA audit. An average of 50,000 checks are issued weekly, but the audit will continue until brought up to date, George Eckstrand, head of the SERA finance division, said.

On the lookout for similar forgeries in St. Paul, state officials warned banks and business firms throughout the state to decline to cash SERA checks without positive identification.

The CCC forgeries, occurring between December, 1933, and October, 1934, were established by secret service men as an "inside job." The SERA forgeries had the appearance of being the work of professional forgers.

Army Fights Return of Austrian Monarchy

Vienna, July 11.—(AP)—The Fascist heimwehr's suspicion of monarchist activities in Austria came to the surface again Thursday as Der Heimatschutzer—official organ for Prince Ernst von Starhemberg's powerful private army—lashed out at legitimists. Declaring monarchists in the early post-war years "were afraid to show their heads," the newspaper said "now when it is easy to act big they want to abolish us—the trail-breakers of the new Austria." Von Strahemberg's army admittedly opposed to early restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty despite the government's action in giving its confiscated properties back, has been described as anxious to put Von Strahemberg on the empty throne as regent for an indefinite preparatory period.

State Deficit Being Cut; Loans Cheap

The state deficit rapidly is being reduced and Minnesota now is obtaining money on short term loans at one-seventh of one per cent, State Treasurer Julius A. Schmahl said Thursday. The deficit has been reduced to such an extent that by next September the total deficit will not exceed $8,000,000, as compared to $11,000,000 last September, he said. To its credit, the state has $16,472,000. Deducting $3,532,000 incurred in operating expenses, Mr. Schmahl said the delinquencies have decreased and there is a noticeable gain in payment of back taxes.

Hauptmann Expects He'll Be Home Soon

Trenton, N. J., July 11.—(AP)—Bruno Hauptmann, reflecting on the arguments advanced by the state to sustain his conviction of the Lindbergh baby killing, told his wife that he "felt sure of being home soon." Mrs. Hauptmann spent a half hour with her husband late Wednesday in his cell in the death house, shortly after the state filed with the courts of errors and appeals its last statement on the Hauptmann case.

TALMUD TORAH PICNIC FUN

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Plenty of ice cream made a success of the annual Talmud Torah children's picnic at Minnehaha park Thursday. Digging into their first helping are, left to right, Paul Hirschman, 1810 Thomas avenue north; Norman Guttman, 628 Emerson avenue north, and Leo Laitzis, 717 Emerson avenue north.

YOUTH CONGRESS TO CONDUCT FORUM

The Hennepin county youth congress will conduct open forum discussions on the subject "What Does the New Roosevelt Youth Program Mean to the Youth" at Emanuel Cohen center, 909 Elwood avenue north, at 8 p. m., July 16, and at the Seven Corners library, Third street and Fifteenth avenue south, at 8 p. m., July 17. The speakers and discussions will be devoted to an analysis of the $50,000,000 fund appropriated for a national youth program. Speakers invited include Mayor Thomas Latimer and Superintendent of Schools Carroll R. Reed.

SEIN N. D. LAKE.

Bismarck, N. D., July 11.—For more than two weeks representatives of the state game and fish department have been seining carp from Spiritwood lake in Stutsman county to put the lake in favorable condition for stocking with game fish.

TWO GAMBLING INQUIRIES OPEN

Two independent investigations of the Minneapolis gambling article in the alleged connivance between St. Paul gamblers and members of the St. Paul police department were reported to have been started Thursday as the Ramsey county attorney's office sought to identify records of telephone service between Twin Cities "gambling spots."

Assistant County Attorney John A. Pearson of Ramsey county had Dan J. Leahy, manager of the Northwest Bell Telephone Co., Minneapolis, identify records of telephone service between an alleged Minneapolis horse information headquarters and St. Paul "betting parlors." Minneapolis police also were making a secret investigation of alleged gambling connections between the Twin Cities.

In the meantime the four dismissed members of the St. Paul police department were given a bill of particulars containing full details of charges against them. The city officials agreed to furnish the bills within 30 days, with hearings scheduled on August 30. The four officers involved are James P. Crumley, Michael McGinty, Fred Rausch and Ray Flanagan. Public Safety Commissioner H. E. Warren had dismissed them on general charges, alleging malfeasance and misfeasance, investing with public enemies and disclosure of confidential police communications.

LAUNCH CONTRACT LET.

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—The war department today awarded a contract for constructing two 40-foot steel work launches for the Washington, D. C., engineering district and two for the Wilmington, N. C., engineering district to the Marine Iron & Shipbuilding Co., Duluth, Minn., for $26,000.

FAIRBANKS HINTS END OF ACTING DAYS

Pittsburgh, July 11.—(AP)—Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., said Thursday his acting days probably are over. The man who put d'Artagnan of "The Three Musketeers," "Robin hood and other characters on the screen, stopped in Pittsburgh a few minutes while en route to Italy and Japan where he plans to form production units. Asked if that meant he has quit as an actor, Fairbanks said: "I think so. I've spent 20 years doing it. And that's enough to inflict on the public."

FUND FOR AIRWAY PROJECT SOUGHT

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—Applications for allotments of works funds totaling $6,558,954 were made public Thursday included:

Department of commerce—For continuation of construction of the northern transcontinental airway through Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, $190,094. The locations include: Davenport, Iowa; Jackson, Minn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Butte, Mont.; North Platte, Omaha, Neb.; Fargo, N. D.; La Crosse, Wis.

COUZENS IMPROVES AFTER OPERATION

Rochester, Minn., July 11.—(AP) Senator James Couzens of Michigan, operated on Thursday in the Mayo Clinic for a gall bladder ailment, was "improving satisfactorily" Thursday night, his personal physician stated. It is expected the senator will be confined in the hospital at least two weeks.

HOLC AID FOUND DEAD IN DETROIT

Detroit, July 11.—(AP)—George T. Jarvis, 45, assistant manager of the Detroit office of the Home Owners Loan corporation, was found dead early Thursday in a street here, and police immediately began an investigation. He had been robbed.

Asks Right to Object in Speech by Schall

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—Apparently recalling that Senator Schall, Republican of Minnesota, last week called President Roosevelt "megalomaniac," Senator Pittman, Democrat of Nevada, Thursday reserved the right to object to any part of a speech which Schall asked the senate clerk to read. The reference last week was expunged. Supported by Senator McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, Pittman explained that the "courtesy" of having speeches read for the blind senator was extended only by unanimous consent.

U. S. Court Gets Case of Mrs. Blackledge

Chicago, July 11.—(AP)—As the United States circuit court of appeals took under advisement the plea of its most widely known captive, the Illinois law permitting imprisonment for debt in malice cases was repealed Thursday. To the high federal court Mrs. Myrtle Tanner Blackledge carried her fight to escape imprisonment for failure to pay an alienations of affections judgment. She faced a jail term because Mrs. Susanna Nottingham obtained a $7,500 award for the loss of the love of her husband, Norman, a policeman.

Records Back Story of Hope-Yohe Child

While May Yohe, famous musical comedy star of the 90's denied she ever had a child, adoption records at St. Peter, Minn., Thursday bolstered the claim of Mrs. A. J. Street, formerly of Minneapolis and now of Waukegan, Ill., that she is the daughter of the famous Lord Francis Hope of England and May Yohe, who once was married to the English peer. The St. Peter record shows an infant named Olivia Hope was adopted there in 1899 by Albert and Rosa Potts, who secured the baby at a Catholic infants' home in St. Paul. Mrs. Street was reared in St. Peter.

COMES BY PLANE TO CRASH MOVIES

Los Angeles, July 11.—Traveling in a plane chartered at great expense by her father, James W. Potter, wealthy lumberman, Berna Potter, 8, Portland, Maine, arrived here with her heart set on crashing the movies.

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